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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Re: Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request
FOIA Control No.: 19-IGF-OIG-00049

Dear Ms. Best:

This is our interim response regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 29, 2019, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Inspector General (OIG).

You requested "a copy of the list or printout or database listing of Inspector General investigations closed/reports completed during calendar year 2018. If the list is organized by FY rather than calendar year, the FY 2018 list is sufficient for this request"

The OIG is currently working on list of investigations that would be responsive to your request. When it is complete, it will be provided to you.

In your request, you indicated you are "*a member of the news media.*" Pursuant to the OIG's regulations for material released under the Freedom of Information Act (83 Fed. Reg. 7388 (Feb 21, 2018) and 24 C.F.R. § 2002.13, referencing 24 C.F.R. § 15.106), you are being classified as a "*commercial user.*" In our Notice of Final Rule published at 83 F.R. 7388 (Feb. 21, 2018), we notified the public that as a policy, the OIG will "treat owners of websites that contain advertisements, or that charge fees in any way, to be 'commercial requesters,' if they do not use editorial skills to turn the posted materials into a distinct work, or provide significant editorial comments." You are in this category. Each FOIA requester is notified of certain costs incurred in processing their request, and, under this category, you will be assessed charges to recover the full direct costs of searching, reviewing and duplicating records. Duplication is set at

a rate of \$.10 cents/page. The charge for professional review spent processing files is \$13.00/quarter hour. For duplication in electronic format (i.e., tape, CD ROM or diskette, etc.), we will assess costs at \$10.00 for each CD.

We have also noticed you have made a request for other databases. If we find a pattern in which you appear to be recreating our databases to post on your website through piecemeal requests, we are permitted to aggregate all of your requests for our databases. This is notice that you have reached your limit of 2 free hours of search time. On your future requests, you may be charged for the search time at \$52.00 per hour.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the OIG FOIA Office at (202) 708-1613. Please reference the above FOIA number when making inquiries about this matter.

We regret the necessity of this delay, but assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. Please reference the above FOIA number when making inquiries about this matter

Sincerely,

/s/

Government Information Specialist (FOIA/PA)